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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE MEETING: JUNE 21

FOR EUR/RPM

FROM USDEL CSCE

1. IN MORNING MEETING JUNE 21, FINNISH REP PROPOSED SPEED-
ING PROGRESS IN DISCUSSION OF US/UK PROPOSALS ON
MAIN MEETING AGENDA BY PROCEEDING TO DISCUSSION OF MODALITIES
FOR MAIN MEETING, WHILE SIMULTANEOUS INFORMAL
WORK ON AGENDA CONTINUED. FINNISH REP ALSO SUGGESTED THAT
AN EDITORIAL DEVICE MIGHT BE USED TO SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS
ON IMPLEMENTATION AND NEW PROPOSALS. CZECH REP CRITICIZED
US/UK PROPOSAL, AND UK, NORWAY, AND SWITZERLAND SUPPORTED
FINNS.

2. SOVIET REP OPPOSED JUMPING AHEAD TO DISCUSSION OF
MODALITIES, AND SAID DELS SHOULD AGREE FIRST ON AGENDA. SOVIET
REP ALSO COMMENTED THAT REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS REACHING PRESS
INTERFERED WITH EFFORTS TO HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION.
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POLAND AND BULGARIA SUPPORTED SOVIET VIEWS, AND BULGARIAN
REP PROPOSED CANCELING AFTERNOON SESSION TO
ALLOW INFORMAL TALKS ON AGENDA. THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED
AND THERE WAS NO AFTERNOON SESSION.

3. FOLLOWING INFORMAL CONTACTS NEUTRALS INFORMED US LATER
THAT THEY HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED ON A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
FOR MAIN MEETING AGENDA WHICH WOULD GENERALLY PARALLEL

UK/US PAPER, WITH SOME REFINEMENTS. NEUTRALS HOPE TO CIRCULATE THEIR PAPER MORNING OF JUNE 22 AND ASK FOR INFORMAL OPEN-ENDED DRAFTING GROUP AFTERNOON OF JUNE 22 TO WORK ON THEIR DRAFT. WE WILL CABLE NEUTRAL DRAFT AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT.

4. COMMENT: FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OF EARLY INFORMAL VERSIONS OF NEUTRAL DRAFT, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE SO CLOSE TO UK/US PROPOSAL THAT IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS. AT BEST, THE EXISTENCE OF A NEUTRAL "COMPROMISE" DRAFT MAY EDGE WORK ON THE AGENDA FORWARD PROCEDURALLY. END COMMENT.
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